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Response To Office Action

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 01/05/2005 in regard to the above-identified patent application.

Claims 1-28, 42 and 43 have been allowed. Claims 29-33, 35-39 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Duran (US 6,688,780) in view of Estrella et al. (US 6,695,485 B1). Claims 34 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Duran (US 6,688,780) in view of Estrella et al. (US 6,695,485 B1) and Szilagyi et al. (6,305,961 B1). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.131 and MPEP 715 enclosed is a declaration signed by the inventor for the present application. The declaration establishes invention of the subject matter of the rejected claims prior to the effective